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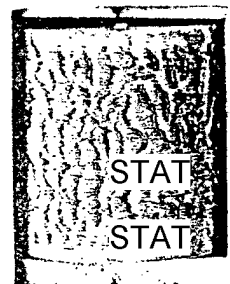
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May 27, 1983

Honorable Glenn English
Chairman, Subcommittee on Government
Information, Justice, and Agriculture
Committee on Government Operations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. English:

This letter responds to your concern about the national security classification of a General Accounting Office report entitled, "Problems in Slowing the Flow of Cocaine and Heroin From and Through South America," GGD-75-80. Following the receipt of your letter, I initiated an inquiry into the circumstances of the report's classification, automatic declassification and reclassification. I received excellent cooperation and support from the General Accounting Office and the executive branch agencies involved in the report's classification.

My inquiry into this matter is complete and I am pleased to inform you that the report has been declassified in its entirety. I enclose a copy of my letter, with attachments, to Arthur Klekner, Director of Security and Safety at the General Accounting Office, informing him of this decision and requesting that he also notify all holders of the report of its declassification.

Please note that the Drug Enforcement Administration is currently considering a Freedom of Information request for access to the report. Since the Freedom of Information Act exemptions other than 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) do not relate to the provisions of Executive Order 12356, I will not be involved in the decision-making process of this issue.

Once again, I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

STEVEN GARFINKEL
Director

Enclosures

cc: Harry E. Fitzwater

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